WHEREAS, through the ages poetry has inspired and illumined Man making him increasingly aware of the truth, beauty, and wonder of life; and

WHEREAS, Poetry has been found to be a vitalizing catalyst, alerting the imagination to the betterment of both industry and trade, by energizing and welding peoples together; and

WHEREAS, since pioneer days, poets of Dakota have enriched our cultural life by books published; and for over forty years, uniquely, by a monthly poetry magazine, PASQUE PETALS; and by strong stimulus to youth in an annual High School Poetry Contest; and by South Dakota Poetry Day; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize throughout our nation, kindred interests and would wish to contribute to the same,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, by virtue of the authority vested in me, as Governor of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1966, as

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in South Dakota and urge all citizens within the State to join in the aforesaid worthy recognition.

in witness whereof, I have, hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this day of September in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

MLS A. BOB, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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